In support of Park goals: Compatible Summer Tenants, Caring for Mineral King, Requesting Consideration and Understanding

January 30, 1994

To : Mineral King Action Committee

We have at least two important appointments for the week- end of February 11: **Please Contact Me.**

Thanks to Jim Ingram, appointments have been arranged for us with Congressmen Thomas and Lehman on February 11, a Friday. (Staff assistants point out that Congressman Dooley does not expect to be in his District during February.)

So we have two critical dates in California, and I hope that Jim will send Dooley a written request if our visit with Lehman has any promise at all.

Likewise, I' ll request appointment times with the two Oregon Congressmen, for later in the month, or early March, expecting that three or four of us in Oregon, including a permittee, can represent your committee up here.

Thursday evening, February 10 6 pm

*Maybe* a meeting with Park people , then a Strategy and planning mtg. for members of our committee, at a **Dinner meeting, PROB'LY VISALIA**

Friday , February 11 :

9 am **IN FRESNO:** Congressman Lehman. Will tell you later *where.*

Noon or 1 pm : **MAYBE** (Acting) Park Superintendent, in **THREE RIVERS**

3 pm **in VISALIA**

**Our work for this trip would be over around 5 pm, Friday.**

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I hope you agree that the strategy meeting is a "must" for those of us who will see the Congressmen the next day. I have scheduled that meeting for a small private meeting room at the:

> Radison Motel/restaurant in downtown Visalia,300 Court Street, (next to Convention Center.) Telephone direct: (209) 636-1111. If you're interested in overnight accomodations there, you can also call 1-800- 333-3333.

**The Dinner meeting will definitely be scheduled for Thursday pm. The *place* is the only *tentative* part. I will let you know where the dinner meeting will be,and other details by February 8.**

**I 'll get as far as Fresno on Amtrak and rent a car : haven't committed to exact times as yet. I' m also trying to arrange to get to Three Rivers early enough Thursday afternoon to see, also,the Park Superintendent.** Failing a Thursday appointment, maybe we could see him on Friday at noon or one o' clock.

It would be wonderful if you could each let me know as soon as possible. Please assume that the Thursday evening meeting is essential if you plan to make any or all of the Friday appointments. ( It will be very helpful, if we get a schedule with the Acting Superintendent, for one or two others of you to volunteer to go with me)

**The important thing at this time is to schedule Thursday , as early as 4 in Three Rivers, through Friday, February 10-11, until 5 pm, between Fresno and Visalia, if you possibly can.**

Ruth Shepard

***Please let me know:*** **(503) 343-7888 or 1765 East 26th, Eugene, OR 97403**

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P.S. I have selected and invited some permittees in the valley who have not yet been included in these committee mailings. I 've enclosed the material I sent you a couple of weeks ago, and invited them to join the committee for these important meetings.

***If you have suggestions for specific persons that should be included with us, please tell me when you get in touch.***

PS #2 We need to remind ourselves that these appointments with Congressmen were made in good faith: but catastrophes, such as Congress holding over, *could* ruin the plans. At this time in the session,it's most unlikely.

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